

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/572,576	<b>Examiner:</b>	Wilson, Lee D.
<b>Filing Date:</b>	March 17, 2006	<b>Art Unit:</b>	3727
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<b>For:</b>	<b>POSITIONING APPARATUS AND CLAMPING SYSTEM HAVING THE SAME</b>		

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

MailStop Allowance  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated May 13, 2010 in the above application.

This communication is filed concurrently with the payment of the issue and publication fees due in the above application.

### REMARKS

Further to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance issued in the above-identified application on May 13, 2010, Applicant would like to correct the record as it currently appears on page 2, line 3 of the Notice of Allowance.

In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the reasons for allowance should be revised for the sake of clarity to read as follows:

"... applicant recites slide portions that move in a first and second radial direction which are substantially orthogonal to a second radial direction..." as is recited in claims 1 and 9.

With regard to movement of the slide portions in the second radial direction, it is noted that the slide portions are driven by the drive arrangement in order "to diametrically expand the pressing member in the second radial direction," as recited in claim 1, and that the slide portions are driven by the drive arrangement "to diametrically expand in the second radial direction," as recited in claim 9.

### CONCLUSION

Please charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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